

66. The method of claim 65 which further includes determining whether to disable the recording capability of the associated audio apparatus based on part of said discerned auxiliary data, other of said discerned auxiliary data serving a purpose unrelated to disabling a recording capability.

67. The method of claim 65 which includes reading said encoded audio from an optically encoded storage disk prior to said decoding, said encoded audio being stored on the disk in a compressed form that leads to data loss from the encoded audio, wherein the auxiliary data is discerned notwithstanding such data loss.--

REMARKS

The new claims are patterned off those filed in the parent, but have been amended to claim audio- rather than video-related implementations.

The video counterparts of claims 47 and 51-64 have been allowed in the parent and are expected to issue shortly. Prosecution of other claims originally filed in the parent continues in applications 09/442,440 and 09/338,995.

Favorable consideration and passage to issuance are solicited.

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